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MORTAL KOMBAT

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BLOOD & THUNDER



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**LIKE THE WEATHER,
THE GOD OF THUNDER
CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE.**

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HIS TRUE NAME
IS NOT KNOWN;
CALL HIM
SCORPION.

AND THERE ARE
TWO THINGS YOU
SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT THIS NINJA:

HE TOOK A GROUP
OF WARRIORS FROM
THE DUNGEON OF
SHANG TSUNG
AND BROUGHT THEM
TO THE REALM OF
OUTWORLD.

HERE HE WILL
PREPARE FOR
THE FINAL
STORM.

HE IS DEAD.
AND HE IS
DEADLY.

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KANO STOLE
THE TAO YE ZHAN
FROM SHANG
TSLING.

IT PROMISES THE
HOLDER GREAT
POWER ONCE
SEVEN RIDDLES
ARE ANSWERED.



HA! NOW
SCORPION
SHALL HAVE THE
POWER HE
NEEDS.

THE
POWER TO
GAIN HIS
REVENGE.



COME
BACK, YOU
THIEF.



QUICK!
BEFORE HE
GETS AWAY.

THANK
YOU BOTH FOR
PROVIDING ME
THE MEANS TO
MY RETRIBUTION.



LATER THAT DAY,
MANY MILES AWAY...

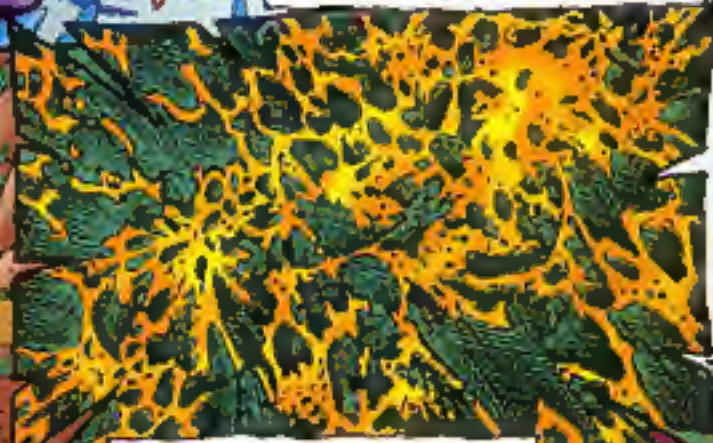
ONE
RIDDLE HAS
BEEN
SOLVED.

SIX
REMAIN
BEFORE THE
POWER OF THIS
BOOK IS
MADE.

Hmmm...
"TEN MEN'S LENGTH,
TEN MEN'S STRENGTH.
TEN MEN CAN'T TEAR
IT, YET A LITTLE BOY
WALKS OFF WITH
IT."



HARD TO CONCENTRATE. THE
IMAGE OF THE LIN KUEI WARRIOR
HAUNTS ME.



SUB-ZERO--HE WHO ENDED
MY MORTAL LIFE.



BUT ONE DAY SOON,
I SHALL THROW THIS
ROPED SPIKE DEEP
INTO HIS...

WAIT...
THAT IS THE
ANSWER.



ROPE!
THE
ANSWER IS
ROPE!

SOON
ALL THE
POWER
SHALL BE
MINE.

AND THEN
I SHALL HUNT
DOWN EVERY
LAST MEMBER
OF THE LIN
KUEI CLAN.

I SHALL
FIND
THEM
AND I...

ARRGH!
KEESSH

YOU
DEPARTED
ABRUPTLY WHEN
LAST WE MET, DEAD
WARRIOR.

YOU HAVE
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS WITH
RAYDEN.



THE
TAO TE KHAH
IS MINE. STORM
WARRIOR.

I WILL
NOT GIVE
IT UP WITH-
OUT A
FIGHT.



HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
THAT YOU
FACE A
GOD?



COME *BACK*,
COWARD. SCORPION
SHALL...



YOU HAVE MADE A
SERIOUS MISTAKE,
SCORPION

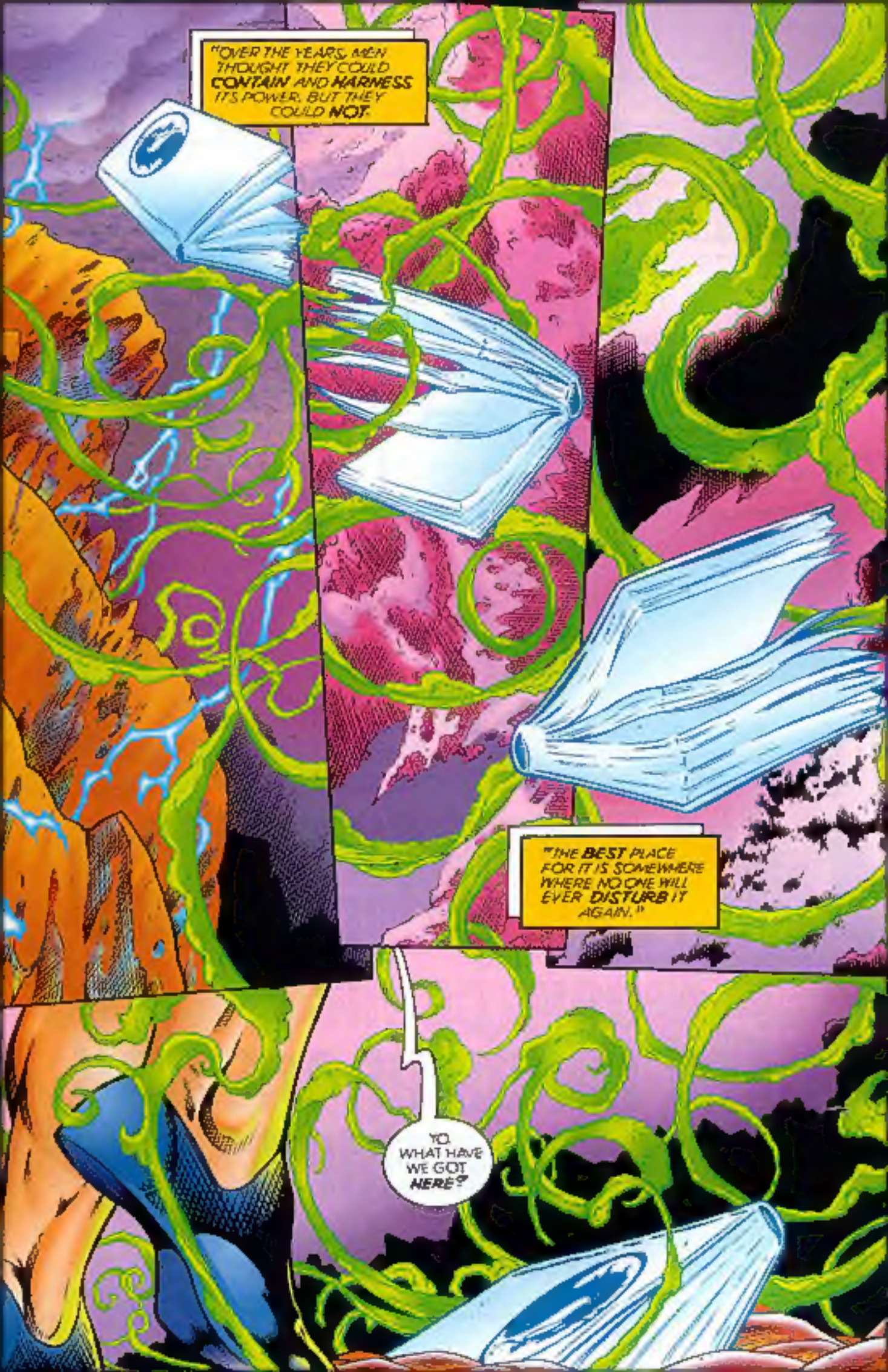


YOU
THOUGHT DEATH
WOULD GRANT YOU
A RELEASE FROM
PAIN.

BUT
RAYDEN
SHALL PROVE
YOU WRONG.

YAA
AHH!!



A comic book panel depicting a chaotic scene. The background is a swirling mass of green tentacles or vines. On the left, there are jagged orange and yellow rock formations with blue lightning bolts striking them. Three blue books are floating in the air. The top book is small and has a circular logo on its cover. The middle book is larger and is open, showing its pages. The bottom book is the largest and is also open, showing its pages. The overall color palette is dominated by green, blue, orange, and yellow.

"OVER THE YEARS, MEN
THOUGHT THEY COULD
CONTAIN AND HARNESS
ITS POWER, BUT THEY
COULD NOT."

"THE BEST PLACE
FOR IT IS SOMEWHERE
WHERE NO ONE WILL
EVER DISTURB IT
AGAIN."

YO,
WHAT HAVE
WE GOT
HERE?



IS THAT
WHAT FELL
OUT OF THE
SKY?

WHAT
IS IT,
JOHNNY?
A BOOK?

THAT'S
WHAT IT
LOOKS
LIKE,
SONYA.

ONLY
ONE PAGE
WILL OPEN,
THOUGH.

THERE'S
SOME SORT OF
QUESTION
WRITTEN
HERE.



A
QUESTION?
WHAT'S IT
SAY?



"WHAT
IS IT THAT
OVERCOMES
YOU AND YOU
NEVER SEE
IT?"

WHAT IS IT
THAT
OVERCOMES
YOU AND YOU
NEVER SEE
IT?



IT'S A
RIDDLE.



WELL,
COME ON, WE
CAN SOLVE
YOUR RIDDLE
BOOK AFTER
WE FIND SOME
SHELTER.



WITH
ALL THAT
LIGHTNING IN
THE DISTANCE,
A STORM
CAN'T BE FAR
BEHIND.

SHORT
TIME
LATER...

WHAT IS IT THAT
OVERCOMES
YOU AND YET
YOU **NEVER**
SEE IT?

IT'S A
STUPID
RIDDLE.

I MEAN,
IT COULD BE
JUST ABOUT
ANYTHING.

A
PANTHER?

OLD
AGE?

A
SPIDER?

A
HEAD-
ACHE?

AN
INVISIBLE
MAN?

AN **INVISIBLE**
MAN? WHAT
KIND OF
ANSWER
IS **THAT?**

I DON'T
KNOW. I'M
NO GOOD AT
RIDDLES.

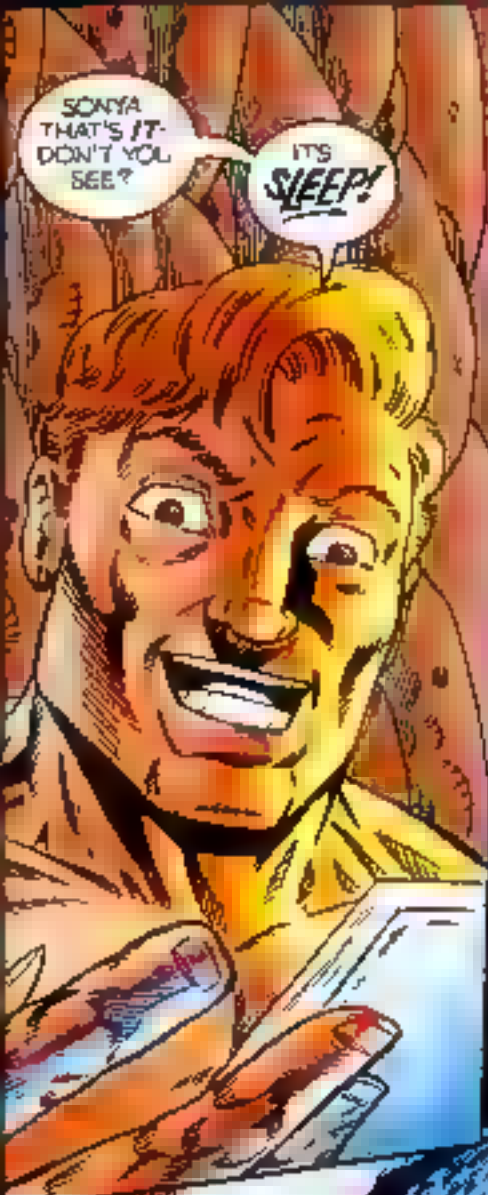
WELL, I'M TOO
TIRED TO THINK
STRAIGHT.

I DON'T
WANT TO
REST.

WHAT I
WANT IS AN
ANSWER.

WELL,
THERE'S JUST
ONE THING
I WANT...

...AND
THAT'S
SLEEP.



SONYA
THAT'S IT.
DON'T YOU
SEE?

IT'S
SLEEP!



WHAT'S
IT DOING?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

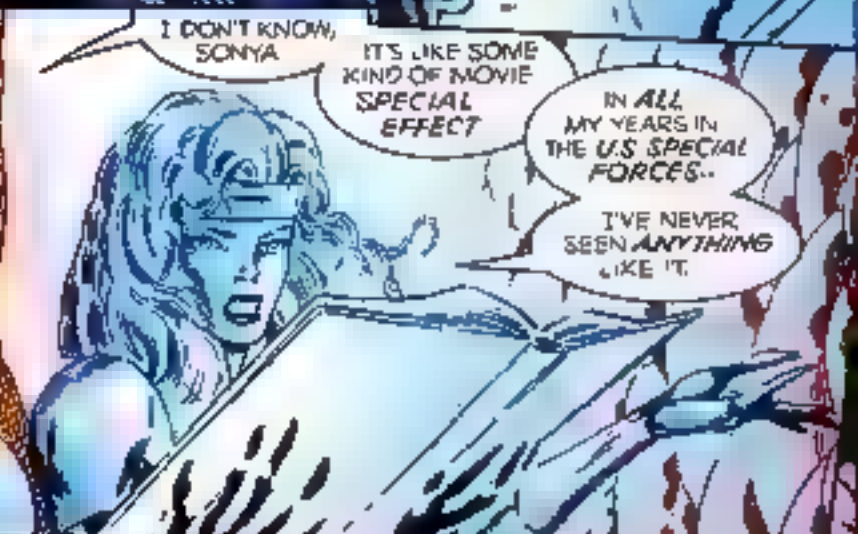


I DON'T KNOW,
SONYA

IT'S LIKE SOME
KIND OF MOVIE
**SPECIAL
EFFECT**

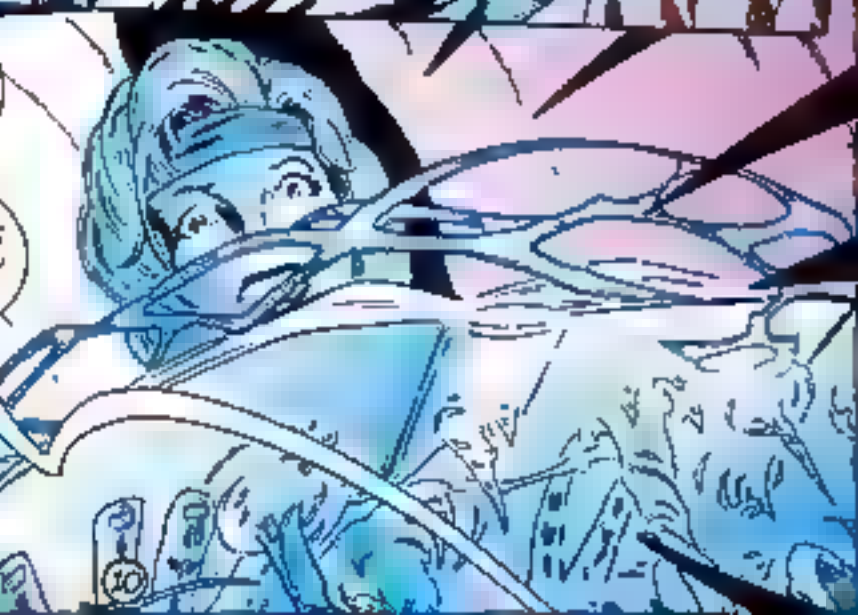
IN ALL
MY YEARS IN
THE U.S. SPECIAL
FORCES..

I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE IT.



THERE'S
ANOTHER
SOLUTION TO
THAT RIDDLE
CHILDREN.

WHAT
OVERCOMES
YOU AND YOU
NEVER SEE
IT?



THE
ANSWER IS
SUB-ZERO.

A
SECRET
OF
THE MOUNTAINS
ZAO TE
ZHAN

SHAL
RELAY
TO THE
LIN
KUEI.

AND
IT'S
NOT
NOTHING
TO
TALK
ABOUT

CHUNK


YOUR
POWERS DON'T
MEAN SQUAT
TO ME
MISTER

YEAH
AND AS
AS JOHNNY
CASE
WE'RE D

YOU CAN
JUST
JUST
JUST
ME TO
ZERO.

CRUNCH

UGH!!



VERY
RESOURCEFUL
PERHAPS I
UNDERESTIMATED
YOU

JUST AS
MUCH AS YOU HAVE
UNDERESTIMATED
ME

WHOOOOW

DO NOT
FRET YOUNG
WARRIORS. THE
EFFECTS OF MY
BLAST ARE
TEMPORARY.

THAT
IS NOT THE
WAY OF THE
LIN KUEI.

SO I
SHALL JUST
TAKE WHAT I
CAME FOR.

AND
WHILE I
COULD FINISH
YOU NOW WHILE
YOU ARE
HELPLESS.

AND LEAVE
YOU BOTH WITH
MY **WARMEST**
WISHES.

LATER, MANY
MILES AWAY

I SHALL
MASTER THE
SECRETS OF
THE TAO TE
ZHAN.

JUST
AS SURELY
AS I
MASTERED
MY FEAR OF
SCORPION.

MUST
EMPTY MY
MIND AND
PREPARE MYSELF
FOR THE TASK
AT HAND.

TO
ANSWER
THE NEXT
RIDDLE

WHAT BRIDGE
IS BUILT WITHOUT
ANY STONE
OR WOOD?

IT'S SO
SIMPLE
ICE!

IN A HEARTBEAT THE LIN KUEI
NINJA HAS COME ONE STEP
CLOSER
TO HIS
DESTINATION

FOUR RIDDLES SOLVED.
THREE MORE TO GO

MEANWHILE ON AN ISLAND THAT
HAD NO MAP
I FRAGMENTED

WE WANT
TO KNOW WHY
YOU HAVE Halted
MORTAL
KOMBAT

WE HAVE
HEARD THAT
MIGHTY GORO
HAS DISAP-
PEARED

WE W-
BE TO FIGHTING
MORE MORE
FIGHTING
TO BE

WE ARE
HERE TO FIGHT
IT IS FOR US
STAY AND
WAIT

YOU FOOL
MORTAL FOOLS
ARE SLIPPED
FROM DEUSIONS
OF GRANDEUR

YOU WERE
ONLY INVITED TO
THIS TOURNAMENT
TO SERVE AS
FOOD FOR THE
REAL WARRIORS

BUT IF
YOU'RE A DE
AD APOCALYPTON
FAILLIBLITY

THEY SAY
TAKE IT
SURE PROVIDE
ONE

YOU'RE YOU'RE
CHANGING
US OF MAN?

WE WILL
BE TO KILLING
MORE AND
TO BE

STEN OLD
ONE WITHOUT
GOTO YOU'RE
NOTHING

YOU FOOLS
KNOW NOTHING
OF SHANG
TSUNG

THEREFORE
A LESSON IS
IN ORDER



GORO
IS NOT A
SERVANT

I AM
THE MASTER
OF THIS
LAND

AAAAAAAH

AAAAAH

AAAAAH

AAAAAH

MY
OTHER
SERVANTS
SAID NO
GORO AND
THE TAO TE
ZHAN

AND THEN
**SHANG
TSUNG**
SHALL BE
SUPREME

THE MEMBERS
OF THE T-1'S
WAS DIFFICULT
TO LOCATE.

DIRTY
T-1'S
MY NAME
STAY.

WHA
HE
DIT
BUT

WHA
EVER

THEY
HAVE TO
WITH
KANG

THE
AM
THE
COMPANT

FROM
AGE
THE
MUTANTS

IS
GOTO
TAKE
MORE
THAN
THE
THREE
MANS

WU'S TAKEOVER
YU'S RYU
SHAO KAHN

ONLY THE MOST
HEARTY AND
HARDENED RULERS
HAVE
EMERGED
GENOCIDE

WHILE MY
HAVE SUFFERED
DUE TO THE
PERIOD'S DAYS

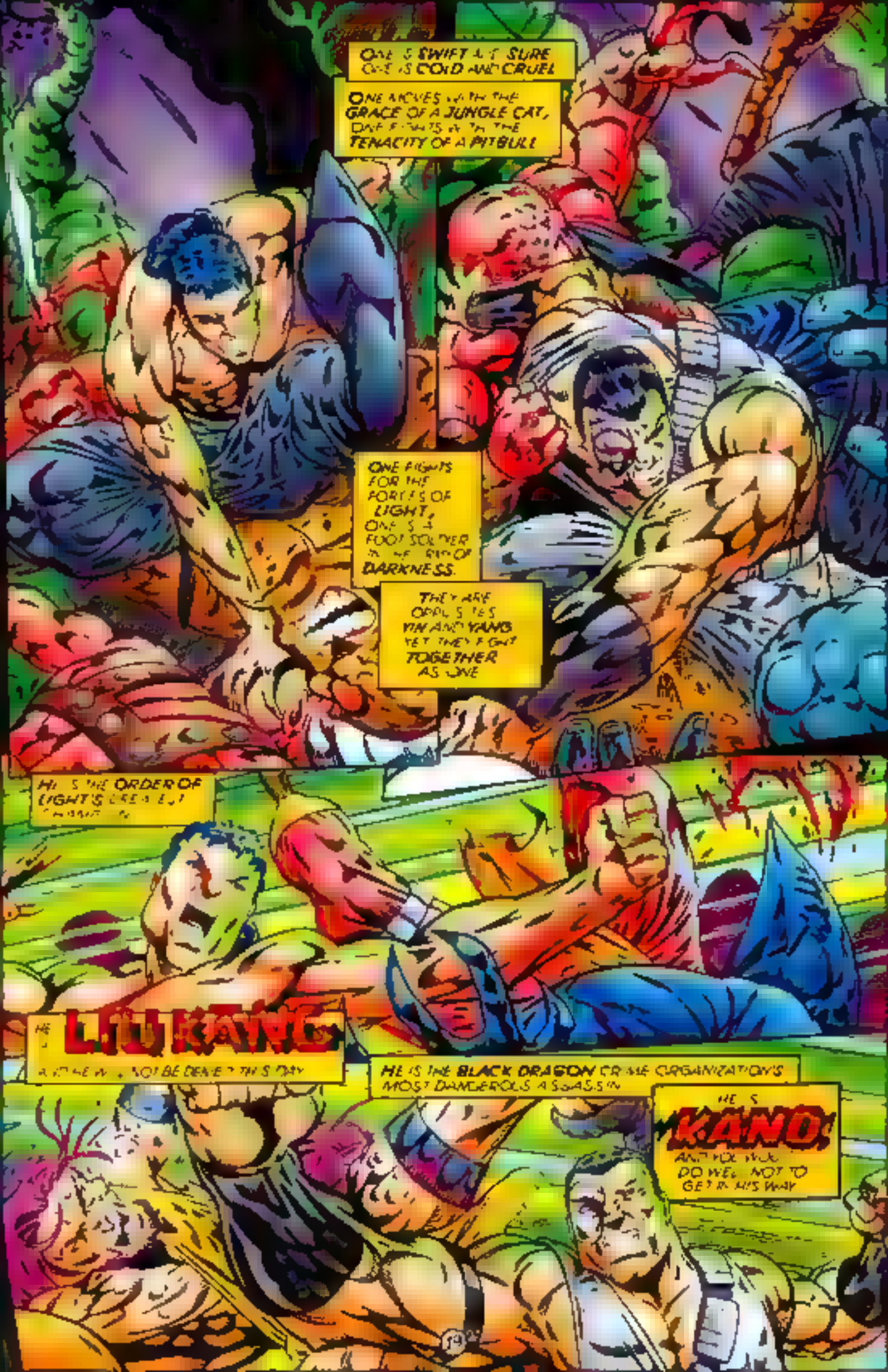
THE NEW MUTANT
RULERS
FLOURISHED UNDER
THE IRON FIST OF
SHAO KAHN

WHAT A
REVOLTING
DEVELOPMENT

I NEVER
THOUGHT I
HAVE TO FIGHT
SIDE BY SIDE WITH
A DO GOODER
LIKE YOU

I DON'T
ENVY THE
PROSPECT OF A
PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE BLACK
DRAGON FIGHTER
KANO

BUT
RIGHT NOW
IT DOESN'T SEEM WE'VE
GO
NO
CHOICE



ONE IS SWIFT & SURE
ONE IS COLD AND CRUEL

ONE MOVES WITH THE
GRACE OF A JUNGLE CAT,
ONE FIGHTS WITH THE
TENACITY OF A PITBULL

ONE FIGHTS
FOR THE
FORCES OF
LIGHT,
ONE IS A
FOOT SOLDIER
IN THE REIGN OF
DARKNESS.

THEY ARE
OPPOSITES
YIN AND YANG
YET THEY FIGHT
TOGETHER
AS ONE

HE IS THE ORDER OF
LIGHT'S CREATOR

HE IS **LIU KANG**

AND HE WILL NOT BE DENIED THIS DAY

HE IS THE BLACK DRAGON CRIME ORGANIZATION'S
MOST DANGEROUS ASSASSIN

HE IS
KANO!

AND YOU WILL
DO WELL NOT TO
GET IN HIS WAY

WHEN HE SAID "I'LL BE BACK"

SOMETHING
ISN'T RIGHT
HERE

THEY DID NOT
PUT IN A MURDER
OF A FELLOW AS
THEY SHOULD
HAVE

IT'S
A
GOOD
PLAN
TO
PUT
THE
HIT

THEY
WILL
BE
APART
IN
THE
HALL



AFTER WE
OUR TRUST NAME
IL KANG

IT MADE
IT FEEL MUCH
EASIER TO
KILL

I MET THESE
MUTANTS A FEW
HOURS AGO IN
THE
FOREST

THEY
AGREED TO
PROVIDE ME
WITH THE
DISTRACTION
I WANTED


Kano
but I
can't

NOW
I'M GOING
BACK TO
GET MY
BOOK.


...cold...

I'm cold,
so very cold.
Freezing.
Freezing.
Freezing.


I'm freezing cold,
and I'm slipping
away. Slipping
away...




I see the image of
the legendary
KUNG LAO.




He combined
Incredible
Speed...




...unbelievable
strength...



He lived 500 years
ago, and still is
regarded as the
Order of Light's
greatest
Champion.



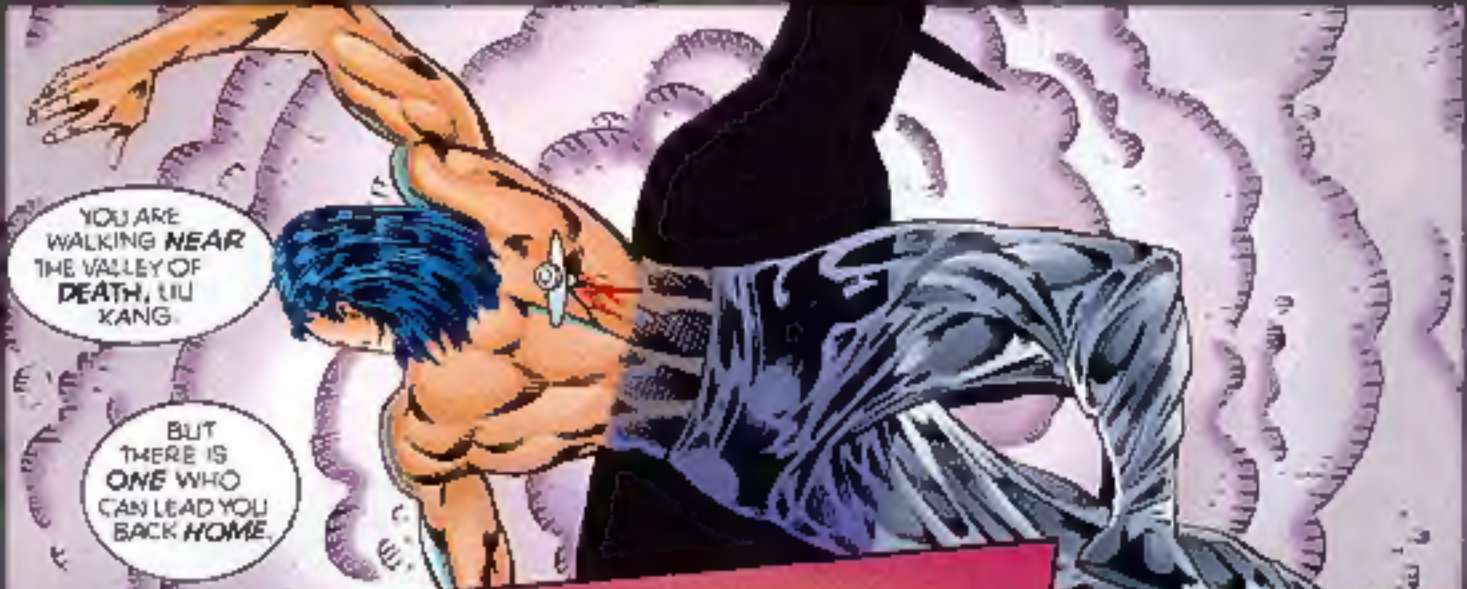
...and
indescribable
endurance.



Yet Kung Lao, with
all his gifts,
eventually fell
to another
warrior.

He met his
death, though
none in his
order thought
he would.

And now I will travel that road
he took so many years ago.



YOU ARE
WALKING **NEAR**
THE VALLEY OF
DEATH, LIU
KANG.


BUT
THERE IS
ONE WHO
CAN LEAD YOU
BACK HOME.



HEAR
MY VOICE.
MY **FRIEND**.
LISTEN
CARE-
FULLY.




HEAR
ME, AND
FOLLOW
MY VOICE
BACK.



WE ALL
MUST WALK THAT
LONESOME ROAD
SOONER OR
LATER.

BUT **NOW**
IS NOT YOUR TIME,
MY FRIEND. **NOW**
IS NOT YOUR
TIME.



THERE IS
CONFUSION
AND CHAOS AFOOT
IN OUTWORLD
THESE DAYS.

BUT DO
NOT FRET, LIU
KANG, FOR YOU
ARE IN GOOD
HANDS.

THE HANDS OF

KUNG LAO.

MORTAL MAYHEM

AND DON'T MISS GORO IN HIS OWN MINI-SERIES
GORO: PRINCE OF PAIN. IT'S ON SALE NOW.